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For: CATALYST FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS AND A PROCESS FOR
PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS

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July 7, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 5, 2003 (for which petition is
hereby made for a three month extension of time) (and further in response to the Action
of July 23, 2002), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claim(s) for the claim(s) previously presented.

1. to 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) An exhaust-gas purifying process comprising:
preparing a catalyst for purifying exhaust gas, ~~said catalyst comprising (i) a fire-~~
~~resistant inorganic compound having at least one element selected from the group~~

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